

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A device to enable a user to move a toilet seat from an up position to a down position, the device comprising:

a connection mechanism to connect the device to the toilet seat;

a handle; and

a pivoting assembly coupled to the connection mechanism and the handle, the pivoting assembly to permit the handle to pivot relative to the toilet seat and restrain the angular range of motion of the handle relative to the toilet seat such that the pivoting assembly supports the handle upward when the toilet seat is in the down position and supports the handle angled outward relative to the toilet's tank when the toilet seat is in the up position.

Claim 2. (original) The device of claim 1, further comprising an extension that separates the handle from the seat.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The device of claim 2, wherein the extension dips down at one end and angles upward ~~in~~ at the other.

Claim 4. (original) The device of claim 2, wherein the extension is between 1 and 12 inches in length.

Claim 5. (original) The device of claim 4, wherein the extension is between 7 and 8 inches in length.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The device of claim 4, wherein the pivoting assembly comprises a rod connected to the handle that rotates within a bored hole.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A toilet seat, comprising:
a seat;
an extension that radially extends from the seat;
a handle; and
a pivoting assembly coupled to the extension and the handle, the pivoting assembly to permit the handle to pivot relative to the toilet seat and restrain the angular range of motion of the handle relative to the toilet seat such that the pivoting assembly supports the handle upward when the toilet seat is in the down position and supports the handle angled outward relative to the toilet's tank when the toilet seat is in the up position.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The seat of claim 7, wherein the extension dips down at one end and angles upward in at the other.

Claim 9. (original) The seat of claim 7, wherein the extension is between 1 and 12 inches in length.

Claim 10. (original) The seat of claim 9, wherein the extension is between 7 and 8 inches in length.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The seat of claim 7, wherein the pivoting assembly comprises a rod connected to the handle that rotates within a bored hole.

Claims 12-14 (cancelled).

Claim 15. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein the angular range of motion is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 16. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein the angular range of motion is 80 degrees.

Claim 17. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein the pivoting assembly further comprises a mechanism to permit the length of the handle extending from the pivoting assembly to be adjusted.

Claim 18. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the handle can axially rotate.

Claim 19. (new) The toilet seat of claim 7, wherein the pivoting assembly further comprises a mechanism to permit the length of the handle extending from the pivoting assembly to be adjusted.

Claim 20. (new) The toilet seat of claim 11,
wherein the rod includes a pin, extending normally from the rod surface;
and

wherein the portion of the rod including the pin is within a groove that restricts the angular range of motion of the rod by preventing movement of the pin beyond a wall of the groove.